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MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

*Deaths.*—During the year 1898 there have been 50 deaths, but excluding the deaths at the Workhouse of people belonging to other districts, and deaths of persons not belonging to Bakewell, there were 33, viz.: 15 males, and 18 females, a death-rate of 11·5 per 1000 of population.

*Births.*—The births were 67 in number, viz., 33 males, and 34 females, equal to a birth-rate of 23·4 per 1000.

The infantile mortality was 119 per 1000 births.

The zymotic death-rate was ·7, two deaths occurring from Measles.

*Notifiable Infectious Disease.*—24 Cases of infectious disease were reported, viz., 5 cases of Scarlatina, 2 of Diphtheria, 6 of Enteric Fever, and 11 of Erysipelas.

*Scarlatina.*—The first case occurred on July 22nd, and on July 23rd was removed to the temporary Isolation Hospital, which was opened for its reception, and a trained nurse engaged. The second occurred on July 27th, at the same house, and was at once removed there also. The third occurred on September 2nd, and was isolated at home. The fourth was contracted away and developed in Bakewell, this was removed home where already other cases had broken out. The fifth occurred on December 11th; the origin of this one and the first and third, could not be traced.

*Diphtheria*.—Of the two cases, one was most probably imported, and there were grave sanitary defects at the house of the other.

*Enteric Fever*.—Two of these were contracted outside the Urban District, and sent into the Workhouse. Of the other four, one case had recently been away and returned with the disease; one drank impure well water; and the sanitary arrangements at the other two houses were not above suspicion. They appeared to be unconnected with each other.

*Erysipelas*.—The 11 cases were in various localities; this is half as many as last year, and this diminution is some evidence of the improvement in health conditions which may be brought about by more sanitary surroundings.

None of these 22 cases of notified infectious disease ended fatally.

*Tuberculosis*.—This frequently fatal disease is now exciting a good deal of attention with a view to preventing its spread. Free access of air and light to dwellings is specially recommended; and in connection with this subject it is well to remind you that the minimum air space around new dwellings required by the bye-laws, cannot without great risk to the health of the occupants, be reduced, and in my opinion should always be enforced.

*Schools*.—The Public Elementary Schools were closed in December, on account of the prevalence of Measles among the scholars. After Christmas they re-opened with nearly an average attendance.

The Inspector has visited at every case of notified disease, and disinfected where needful, also at the Schools and Hospital.

*Inspection*.—The district has been systematically inspected, many privy ash-pits still require re-construction, but much real improvement in this direction has been effected during the past year, as the following figures will shew.

65 Houses have had an improved system of drainage applied to them.

15 Privies have been replaced by Water-Closets.

25 Privy-Ashpits have been re-constructed and roofed.

21 Ashpits                   ,,                   ,,                   ,,

27 Cottages have been provided with Pail-Closets.

5 Cesspools have been abolished.

2 Manure Heaps in confined localities have been re-formed and roofed.

2 Moveable receptacles for ashes have been provided.

3 Street sewer ventilators have been put in.

The Slaughter-houses and Bake-houses have been regularly inspected; a structural improvement in one of the latter has been effected. One Slaughter-house is in such a confined locality that it is a nuisance.

The Tip is extensively used, and since there has been a man appointed to look after it, it has been almost free from the objectionable smells formerly connected with it.

*Water Supply.*—Measures have been taken to obtain a site for an additional reservoir of a larger size, and at a much higher level, in order to have a larger quantity of water in store, and also to better supply the higher parts of the town, which now are more or less destitute of water at certain hours of the day.

One case of overcrowding has been abated.

A carcase of unsound meat, prepared as for sale, and believed to be intended for human consumption, was seized, and became food for dogs.

No legal proceedings before a magistrate have been necessary.

Your obedient servant,

Feb. 15, 1899.

C. W. EVANS.





**B** TABLE OF POPULATION, BIRTHS, AND OF NEW CASES OF INFECTIOUS SICKNESS,  
Coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the year 1898, in the Bakewell Urban District;  
classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

NAMES OF LOCALITIES.	Population at all Ages.		Registered Births	Aged under 5 or over 5	New Cases of Sickness in each Locality coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health.					Number of such Cases removed from their Homes in the several Localities for Treatment in Isolation Hospital.	
	Census 1891.	Estimated to middle of 1898.			Scarlatina.	Diphtheria.	Enteric or Typhoid Fever.	Erysipelas.	Scarlatina.		
Bakewell (H)	2748	2860	62 ..... 5	Under 5 5 upwards	5	2	4	11	2	.....	.....
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Union Workhouse					.....	.....	2	.....	.....		
TOTALS	2748	2860	67	Under 5 5 upwards	5	2	6	11	2	.....	.....

The " Notification of Infectious Disease " has been compulsory in the District since 1890.  
Temporary Isolation Hospital at Bakewell and also at Workhouse.





Name of District—**BAKEWELL.**

Area, 2923, Population, 2860. Number of Houses, (estimated), 530.

Name of Inspector, **WILLIAM REDFEARN.**

	DRAINAGE.			CLOSETS & ASHPITS				Surface of Courts and Yards.	Eaves-spouts and Down Spouts.	Urinals defective.	Water supply.	Offensive Accumulations	Pigsties.	Overcrowding.	TOTALS.	Precautions taken by Inspector against Infectious Disease, the Sale of Adulterated Food and Drugs and unsound Meat
	No disconnection of Waste Pipe.	Defective Traps, Inlets, and Drains.	Drains obstructed.	Insanitary Privies and Ashpits.	Insufficient Closet Accommodation.	Conversion of Privies into W. C's.	Defective Water Closets.									
Informal Notices served by Inspector.....	66	124	28	114	22	13	1	1	2	27	10	10	3	1	422	Disinfected Schools and infected houses.
Legal Notices served by Authority .....		4		4	3					1		1		1	14	
Nuisances abated .....	66	104	28	97	5	13	5	10	2	27	10	9	3	1	380	

DWELLING-HOUSES.					BAKEHOUSES.			SLAUGHTER HOUSES.			
Number Inspected.	Informal Notices to Repair Houses.	Number of Infected Houses.	Number Disinfected.	Inspections of Work in Progress.	Number on Register.	Number of Inspection.	Number of Notices served for infringements of Bye-laws.	Number on Register.	Number of Inspections.	Number of Notices served for infringements of Bye-Laws.	Total Number of Inspections made
1	1	8	8	154		20	2	6	24		207

(Signed) **WILLIAM REDFEARN.**

